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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

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- ☐ Copies of listed foreign patent documents and/or non-patent literature are enclosed. (37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2))
- ☒ Copies of the documents listed at as reference numbers 169-346 of the attached Form PTO/SB/08 Substitute are omitted because (1) they were previously submitted to, or cited by, the Patent Office in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/737,200, filed December 14, 2000, on which the Present Application relies for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120; and (2) any information disclosure statement filed in the prosecution of Application No. 09/737,200 complies with 37 CFR §§ 1.98 (a) through (c). (37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d))
- ☒ A copy of copending U.S. Patent Application No. 13/018,277, filed 01/31/2011, for VASCULAR ACCESS PORTS AND RELATED METHODS, listed at sheet 17, no. 363 of the attached Form PTO-1449 (or equivalent), ☐ is enclosed / ☒ is omitted. (Copy not required if available via IFW. 1287 OG 163 (Oct. 19, 2004).).

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Atty. Docket No.	Application No.	Publication No.	Patent No.	Filing Date	Title
11502/05	09/293366	N/A	6623494	04/16/1999	METHODS, SYSTEMS, AND APPARATUS FOR INTRALUMINALLY DIRECTED VASCULAR ANASTOMOSIS
11502/06	09/736839	2003/0078597	6726694	12/14/2000	INTRALUMINALLY DIRECTED ANVIL APPARATUS AND RELATED METHODS AND SYSTEMS

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11502/07	09/293617	N/A	6248117	04/16/1999	ANASTOMOSIS APPARATUS FOR USE IN INTRALUMINALLY DIRECTED VASCULAR ANASTOMOSIS
11502/08	09/737005	2001/0004697	6652542	12/14/2000	EXTERNAL ANASTOMOSIS OPERATORS AND RELATED SYSTEMS FOR ANASTOMOSIS
11502/09	09/460740	N/A	6569173	12/14/1999	COMPRESSION PLATE ANASTOMOSIS DEVICE
11502/10	09/480964	N/A	6656151	01/11/2000	VASCULAR ACCESS DEVICES AND SYSTEMS
11502/11	09/760322	2001/0007931	6663590	01/11/2001	VASCULAR OCCLUSAL BALLOONS AND RELATED VASCULAR ACCESS DEVICES AND SYSTEMS
11502/12	09/481283	N/A	6595941	01/11/2000	METHODS FOR EXTERNAL TREATMENT OF BLOOD
11502/13	09/736781	2001/0016749	6551334	12/14/2000	EXTERNALLY DIRECTED ANASTOMOSIS SYSTEMS AND EXTERNALLY POSITIONED ANASTOMOSIS FENESTRA CUTTING APPARATUS
11502/14	09/737200	2001/0004698	N/A	12/14/2000	LOCKING COMPRESSION PLATE ANASTOMOSIS APPARATUS AND RELATED SYSTEMS
11502/15	09/736937	2001/0023354	7160311	12/14/2000	LOCKING COMPRESSION PLATE ANASTOMOSIS APPARATUS (AS AMENDED)
11502/16	10/035084	2002/0058955	6736825	12/27/2001	PAIRED EXPANDABLE ANASTOMOSIS DEVICES AND RELATED METHODS
11502/20	10/003985	2002/0042623	6743244	10/31/2001	SOFT ANVIL APPARATUS FOR CUTTING ANASTOMOSIS FENESTRA
11502/21	10/003956	2002/0038127	6626921	10/31/2001	EXTERNALLY POSITIONED ANVIL APPARATUS FOR CUTTING ANASTOMOSIS FENESTRA
11502/24	10/351172	2004/0147866	7131959	01/23/2003	APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR OCCLUDING AN ACCESS TUBE ANASTOMOSED TO SIDEWALL OF AN ANATOMICAL VESSEL
11502/25	10/624711	2004/0147867	7124570	07/21/2003	APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR FLUID OCCLUSION OF AN ACCESS TUBE ANASTOMOSED TO AN ANATOMICAL VESSEL
11502/26	10/624315	2004/0019315	7118546	07/21/2003	APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR FACILITATING REPEATED VASCULAR ACCESS
11502/30	10/243543	2003/0014064	N/A	09/12/2002	ANVIL APPARATUS FOR ANASTOMOSIS AND RELATED METHODS AND SYSTEMS
11502/32	10/811079	2005/0216043	N/A	03/26/2004	STENTED END GRAFT VESSEL DEVICE FOR ANASTOMOSIS AND RELATED METHODS FOR PERCUTANEOUS PLACEMENT
11502/33	10/706245	2004/0019315	7220268	11/12/2003	STAPLE AND ANVIL ANASTOMOSIS SYSTEM

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11502/37	11/375880	2006/0167485	N/A	03/15/2006	STAPLE AND ANVIL ANASTOMOSIS SYSTEM
11502/43	11/926903	2008/0045984	N/A	10/29/2007	METHODS FOR ANASTOMOSING AN EVERTED VESSEL WITH ANOTHER VESSEL
11502/44	11/927343	2008/0051811	N/A	10/29/2007	SYSTEMS FOR ANASTOMOSING AN EVERTED VESSEL WITH ANOTHER VESSEL
11502/48	11/927002	2008/0287972	7901417	10/29/2007	SYSTEMS FOR FORMING AN ANASTOMOSIS WITH AN ANVIL AND AN APPARATUS HAVING AT LEAST ONE GUIDE
11502/50	12/480678	2010/0121358	N/A	06/08/2009	TISSUE MANAGEMENT METHODS, APPARATUS, AND SYSTEMS
11502/53	12/697167	2010/0191179	N/A	01/29/2010	VASCULAR ACCESS PORTS AND RELATED METHODS
11502/54	12/697190	2010/0191191	N/A	01/29/2010	SUBCUTANEOUS VASCULAR ACCESS PORTS AND RELATED SYSTEMS, METHODS, AND IMPLANTATION FEATURES
11502/55	12/697192	2010/0191166	N/A	01/29/2010	SUBCUTANEOUS VASCULAR ACCESS PORTS AND RELATED SYSTEMS AND METHODS
11502/59	13/018277	N/A	N/A	01/31/2011	VASCULAR ACCESS PORTS AND RELATED METHODS

It is believed that for each reference identified on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08 Substitute, a copy is either being submitted herewith or is not required for submission pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98. However, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney should copies of any of the listed documents be desired.

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